



**The Commission on Ministry WITH the Disabled  
Diocese of New Jersey  
808 West State Street Trenton,  
NJ 08618-5326**

**Accessibility Assessment for Parish and Mission Development Plan**

Parish information: ("Parish" indicates an independent parish, mission and/or diocesan affiliated organization)

Parish Name:

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Address:

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Parish Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Clergy name(s)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please designate a contact person(s) for disability access issues: (please include title if applicable, name, phone number, e-mail address)

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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Building/Property Assessment: What year was your church built? \_\_\_\_\_ How many levels are there? \_\_\_\_\_

How are they accessed? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What year was your parish house or similar facility built? \_\_\_\_\_ How many levels are there?

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How are they accessed?

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Please describe stairways, hallways, entrances, and rest rooms that are NOT handicapped accessible.

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Is your building(s) handicapped accessible?

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Please describe and indicate when your plan ( if you have one) was started.

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What barriers, obstacles, or situations have you encountered that hinder progress in making your building(s) handicapped accessible?

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Program and Education: Do you incorporate people with disabilities into your worship space?

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Please explain how that is accomplished

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How many disabled people do you have in your congregation? \_\_\_\_\_ Please describe the types of disabilities (i.e., deaf/hearing impaired; blind/vision impaired; mobility impaired- wheelchair, walker, cane, crutches; psychiatric/developmental impairment; etc.)

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Is it your perception that these parishioners or visitors are hindered from participating fully in your liturgy, education, social activities, etc.? Why or why not?

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Awareness and Sensitivity to those with disabilities in your parish: Have you offered any awareness and sensitivity training for your parish? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please describe and indicate the year.

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What were the observable results?

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Do you have an established procedure, and trained people, to deal with health emergencies requiring first aid, CPR, etc.?

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What the commission on Ministry with the Disabled can do to help your parish become accessible and truly welcoming to all.

1. We will meet with the clergy and/or other interested people in your parish and listen to your needs, visions and plans.
2. We will offer to visit your congregation on a Sunday and/or weekday evening or Saturday and present a plan for inclusive liturgy, awareness training, practical discussion and resources.
3. We will follow through with you as your plan develops and offer assistance as needed.
4. We will acknowledge your congregation at Diocesan Convention as one that is proactive in making their parish truly accessible.

Resources are available through the Diocese of New Jersey Resource Room and through the Commission on Ministry with the Disabled.

Please return this survey to:

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Direct questions to Donna Devlin at: [SarahAnnB@AOL.com](mailto:SarahAnnB@AOL.com).